

# AROUND BENTON.

Bud Johnson was brought to jail Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Lee, to serve out a fine of \$10 and costs assessed by Spurre Boston for running a bawdy house at Morley. A Mrs. Hauck was also fined \$10 for being associated with Johnson. Her fine was paid by George Hedger, and on that evening a warrant was sworn out against Hedger by Johnson and Mrs. Hauck, charging him with frequenting their resort. The trial will be next week.

A Swede laborer struck town last week and stopped with Uncle August Anderson—another Swede laborer. The visitor became violently ill and is said to have become insane. Before taking sick he proved to be a good worker. Uncle August is poor and has appealed to the authorities to take care of the man—who is a victim of the system. He has no doubt worked and starved and worried himself into his present condition.

Representative Oliver, of Pennsylvania was here this week looking up the prospects to succeed Joe Farris in the state senate. Now, if the Kicker was a good Democratic sapper I would tell you how this man was "brought up on a farm" and what he has done for "the party." As it is, however, I can only say that he is one of the large army of unemployed looking for a job.

Isaac Ross, a good farmer living near Cape, and son, Eliza, bought 50 bushels of peas from Judge Lambert Tuesday. Mr. Ross introduced himself to the Kicker as one of the "undesirables" and said he had been a Socialist for fifteen years. He says there are many Socialists in Cape county, but are unorganized. An unorganized people can accomplish nothing.

Organizer Brannum was here Monday on his way to the northeast part of the county. He reported a new local organization at Chaffee with thirty members and one at Rockview with eighteen members. By this time there are probably 500 organized Socialists in the county.

Alva Stock, who escaped from the Farmington asylum last winter and was returned by the authorities here two weeks ago, has again escaped. But there is no danger of any of the asylum authorities escaping—not unless their pay stops.

Following are the county officers to be elected this fall: Representative, judges of the county court from the first and second districts, prosecuting attorney, sheriff, treasurer, assessor, surveyor and public administrator.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Harper, of Oran, were here Monday. Mr. Harper has again taken up the real estate business and will give it his attention. He will sell you farms or town property or will sell you for you.

Anderson, the man in jail charged with stealing jewelry from the store of Schriener Bros., at Edna, was taken to that place for preliminary trial Wednesday and waived examination.

As the Kicker goes to press the investigation into the killing of Averbech, the "anarchist" by Chief of Police Shippy is going on. Will tell you about it next week.

Mrs. Leo Schoen is down from St. Louis to remain for some time. She spent the week with the families of Sol. Diebold and Adam Essner.

Miss Rodgers, who has charge of the millinery department, can save you money. Don't fail to call and see her line. W. H. Heisserer.

Attorney McWilliams returned from a visit to his home in Cape county Sunday.

Board of Equalization meets on Monday, April 6.

Judge Hale and James F. Allen, of Oran, were here Tuesday.

## FROM REDMAN.

Mrs. Will Prince, of near Commerce, was the guest of Mrs. Henry Todd Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. S. E. Lewis and son, Ervin, of Chaffee, were guests at Mrs. L. A. Henry's Sunday.

Tom Swafford was called to Benton, Ill. Tuesday of last week by the death of his mother.

Mrs. Swafford has 102 little chicks and Mrs. L. A. Henry has 7 goslings.

Johnson Lambert has his watermelon ground ready for planting. Rolla Harrison and wife, of Commerce, visited his parents Sunday.

Tom Swafford and wife were Commerce visitors Wednesday.

**HORSES.**—Do you own a riding? If so, have him castrated by R. W. Fisher, M. D. C., who is an expert cryptorchid castrator and cattle spayer. It will pay you to have your heifers spayed. For terms address Farley & Fisher, veterinarian's hospital, 429, S. 3d St. Paducah, Ky. 20-4t

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# Happenings in and Around Oran.

Wednesday I drove down to the bustling town of Vanduser. Many improvements are noticeable and notwithstanding 'tis said the cashier of the bank had to go to his place of business throughout the rainy season wearing hip boots, new houses were being constructed and preparations made for the erection of others. The houses that have been recently erected, in the architectural designs and workmanship, good taste was shown and are an ornament to the place. While there I visited the public school (but for a short time only.) This school under the able direction of Prof. Hahn and his efficient assistants, Walter McDonough and Miss Margaret Vaughn, could not be other than a success and from the reports of several of the patrons some excellent work is being done. This school district is handicapped with a heavy bonded indebtedness incurred for building purposes and I am told that the tax-payers there are paying the highest tax assessment for school purposes of any district in the county; but these demands are being promptly met and those who bear the burden of taxation do so without a murmur knowing that 'tis only a matter of time until the bonds will have been paid and their work in the cause of education be crowned with success. One prominent citizen and large real estate owner said to me and I believe a majority of the residents will coincide with his views. "While our school taxes are high and the debt tax is high I have favored both because 'tis the only salvation of the country—reclaim these overgrown lands, bring them into cultivation and you can then offer some inducement to the people of other countries to come and make their homes among us."

Saturday I met County School Superintendent Smith and talked over school matters and school management in general. Smith is an enthusiastic school worker and is doing much toward the building up of the schools throughout the county. The management of the finances in several of the districts was discussed and comparisons made. Upon the faithful performance by the district clerk of the duties devolving upon him depended in a great measure the success of the school. For instance the state apportionment is made from the enumeration returns and when the clerk fails to enumerate all the children, the district is thereby the loser and this deficiency has to be made up by a direct tax levy. In this district last year 437 children of school age were enumerated and the district received by the state apportionment \$1,345.64. This amount was nearly enough to pay six teachers for one-half of an eight months' term. The taxable wealth of the district is increasing. By last year's assessment the taxable wealth was \$304,669, or nearly three times what it was in 1896 when the first brick school house was built. This has been done by the growth of the town and the additions made.

For sometime past it has been known that George W. Brewster, editor and manager of the Citizen, was conducting the paper under many difficulties; chief of which was he labored under financial troubles. He had bought the paper on time from E. E. Lutes who held a chattel mortgage for the payment of the same. As the notes fell due he was pressed for money which he could not raise. As a last resort and the only hope to save anything from whatever material he had purchased was to sell to the best advantage. Parties from Morley had been dickering with him for the purchase of the paper. On Thursday John Hunter and R. L. Buck came up and the trade was consummated. The press and material will be moved to Morley and the report is Brewster will remain in charge. Brewster while here made many friends who regret to see him go. He was an untiring worker, but from some cause his venture did not prove a success. We trust that success may attend him and the purchasers.

The township teachers' meeting was held in the school building on last Saturday. There were 12 teachers present, also County Superintendent Smith and Jas. F. Allen. After the regular session closed the teachers went out to witness the basketball game by the two teams that have been organized in the school here. The game is a very interesting and exciting one and the players are doing exceptionally well for the length of time they have been practicing. Mr. Smith spoke some words of commendation and said the athletic and school spirit were good indeed and that he was expecting a great day at Benton on April 4 at the athletic meet.

Some ten days ago Rev. Daugherty, of Morley and Rev. N. D. Maddox of this place commenced a revival meeting at the Baptist Church at Chaffee. They were afterwards rendered valuable assistance in the meeting by Rev. William Reeves. The meeting closed last week with about 25 additions to the church. On Sunday the candidates for baptism, 23, and their friends chartered a special train of five coaches and arrived here in the afternoon and were baptized in the baptistery at the Baptist Church here.

The road commissioners in this district will inaugurate more systematic and progressive road work. Instead of patching the roads year after year as has been the old time custom, they propose to buy the crushed rock and have it shipped here and hauled upon the roads. The bad places first put in fix and then rocked so as to make the work more permanent and lasting. The dictum of the ancient philosopher that the "world does move" is true in more senses than he meant it.

Dr. H. S. Winters has purchased of Dr. Williams, of Cape Girardeau, the two lots across the street and south of the public school and will build thereon a two story eight room residence. The contract has been let and the work will begin at once. We are glad to see houses of this character erected in town and glad to note that Dr. Winters and his estimable family have decided to become permanent residents of the place.

Last Friday closed the 6th month of the present term of public school. The monthly report shows six teachers employed and an enrollment of 258 pupils. The school is doing a grand work and teachers and school board are striving to make this the most successful term within the history of the school.

The Rev. S. R. Bowman, pastor of the Baptist Church, has been conducting a series of meetings during the past week. Rev. Bowman is an earnest, interesting talker and an active church worker. He stands well with the congregation and always has a good attendance.

Charles Finley, son of J. B., has bought out the confectionery store of his uncle, George W. Finley, and took charge Monday morning. Finley is a young man of good habits—has the stickability, the vim and get up about him that is essential to success.

The public road from Oran to Morley has become almost impassable and the attention of the road commissioner has been called to the condition of the road near the residence of Acun Misplay. The commissioners will have the road repaired.

The Baptist Home, Missionary Society is at the residence of Mrs. Dr. W. L. Harris on Thursday. A goodly number were present and a delightful evening was spent. At the conclusion of the program delightful refreshments were served.

Joseph O. Hess has torn away the rear part of the old building on the corner near the bridge and will move what is now the front part back and have this new front and kitchen and build in front of that and facing the street.

The Wednesday Home, Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met with Mrs. L. D. Rash on Wednesday afternoon. Everyone present spent a most enjoyable time and did justice to the refreshments placed before them.

H. A. DeLay, the accommodated blacksmith, owing to increase in business, has built an addition to his shop and will employ additional help and install a wood-workman and do general blacksmithing and repair work.

Wednesday night the roof of the William Lee saw mill caught fire, but was extinguished before much damage was done.

James P. Ranney and Celestine Finley, of McMullin, were in town the latter part of last week.

Prof. Waldo Johnson went up to Perryville Saturday to meet a friend—returning Sunday.

Mrs. M. Q. Tanner is spending the week with her father, Dr. J. L. Haw, of Farmington.

Mrs. Rockwell, of Lutesville, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Clemson, last week.

Miss Estelle Query was visiting relatives at Jackson Saturday and Sunday.

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I can save you money on American fencing. Get my prices. W. H. Heisserer, Benton, Mo.

Having sold my grocery business at Oran I will again take up real estate. If you have a farm or town property for sale, list it with me. If you want to buy, see me. D. H. Harper, Oran, Mo. (21-t)

A nice line of children's clothing just received. W. H. Heisserer.

For Sale.—My butcher shop and slaughter house complete. A bargain if taken at once. Chas. Petry, Commerce. (21-3t.)

For a good pair of shoes see W. H. Heisserer, Benton, Mo.

Ladies! By March 25 I will have my stock of Easter millinery on display. Will be glad to see all my old customers—and new ones. Mrs. H. T. Mayes, Vanduser, 19-t

Ladies, see my line of spring wash goods. W. H. Heisserer.

Write us for descriptive list of farms for sale in Southeast Missouri and North Arkansas. Hamilton-Brown Real Estate Co., Moody. (19-4t.)

**LOST.**—On February 15, somewhere between Benton and New Hamburg, a man's hornless saddle. Return to Kicker and get reward.

For Sale.—Lots 1 and 2 in block 3, Dohogne's addition to Edna. Apply to D. B. Scherer, New Hamburg, Mo. (19-3t.)

For Sale.—Clover and Timothy hay, 80¢ per hundred at my farm. J. C. Sanders, Oran, Mo. (19)

**FOR SALE.**—Lots 7, 8 and 9 in block 1, McGraw's addition to Oran. Wm. Weidfield or Dennis Grasser, New Hamburg, Mo. 17.

I have a limited number of S. C. Brown Leghorn cockerels for sale, full stock. W. V. MILLER. 12-t

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**  
By virtue and authority of execution for costs issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the county of Scott, state of Missouri, dated the 10th day of February, 1908, returnable to the April term of said court, and to me directed to have in force, I, J. A. PATRICK, sheriff of said county, do hereby certify that the following described real estate situated in the county of Scott and state of Missouri, to-wit:

Lot 12, block 15 North Bluff addition to Edna. And 1/2 acre of land in the town of Edna, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon, and during the sitting of the aforesaid Circuit Court, at the east front door of the court house in the town of Edna, county and state aforesaid, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the above described tract of land, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said execution and costs. Lot 12, block 15 North Bluff addition to Edna. Lot 12, block 15 North Bluff addition to Edna. 2-26-2t.

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Miss Addie Bryeans came down Saturday to visit her sister, Mae—intending to return on the evening train. She missed the train and had to telephone for a rig. The driver let the team run away and had to send for another. It was near mid-night when she got home.

Vanduser was certainly on the move last week. The Bank Co. purchased the lot where the grist mill stood and the mill was moved west on the Joyce addition. W. A. Hamilton moved one of his houses. M. A. Jones and Dr. Cline each moved their residence.

Bro. Walton went to Morley Sunday morning and held services—returning to Vanduser for services in the evening. The meeting will continue this week—but will probably close Sunday.

Paul Schurenburg and Charley Martin have rented a part of the place on the river known as the Ferguson place and moved out there Tuesday.

L. P. Woodward and daughter, Eva, returned Saturday from St. Louis and Evansville, Ind. where they had been to select a stock of spring goods.

Miss Jessie Irving, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Parks, for the past month, returned to her home at Perkins Saturday.

Sol Parks moved to Dr. Westcott's farm near Oran Tuesday. We regret to see good people move from our midst.

Cora Bizzel accompanied her teacher, Miss Maggie Vaughn, home Friday for a visit. They returned Sunday.

Mrs. Utzue and sons, Henry and Urey, visited her daughter at Chaffee Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Bennett Smith visited her sister, Mrs. C. C. Myers, near Oran Saturday of last week.

Mr. Brannum conducted a Socialist meeting at the Armstrong Hall Saturday night.

The dredge boat being built on James R. Joyce's place is nearly completed.

Mrs. Morley, of Randles, is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Hamilton.

Houston Phillips and wife are the proud parents of a new girl.

M. C. Doon visited Chaffee Friday and attended the meeting.

Mrs. Geo. Layton has been sick for the last week.

Anna Batts is able to be up again.

Dr. Davis is contemplating moving.

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